

Modern Energy Services for Modern Agriculture

Potentials and challenges of smallholder agriculture

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Facts and Figures

**2.6 billion people
~ 40% of the world
population
make their living from
agriculture**

**Small scale farmers are
producing most of the food
(in Asia and Africa around 80%)
and they cultivate around
60% of the global arable land**

**Nearly half of all
humans live in
rural areas**

**83% of the
537 billion farms
are smaller than
2ha and 97% are
smaller than 10ha**

**80% of energy
consumed in
developing countries
is needed for food
production**



...to bring 2.000 kilocalories

30-50% of food
is wasted

...to the people's plate...

Post-harvest losses in developing
countries amount to 30%

around 4.600 kilocalories

3.3 billion people worldwide live without
access to sustainable energy

have to be harvest on the field



Modern energy for modern agriculture

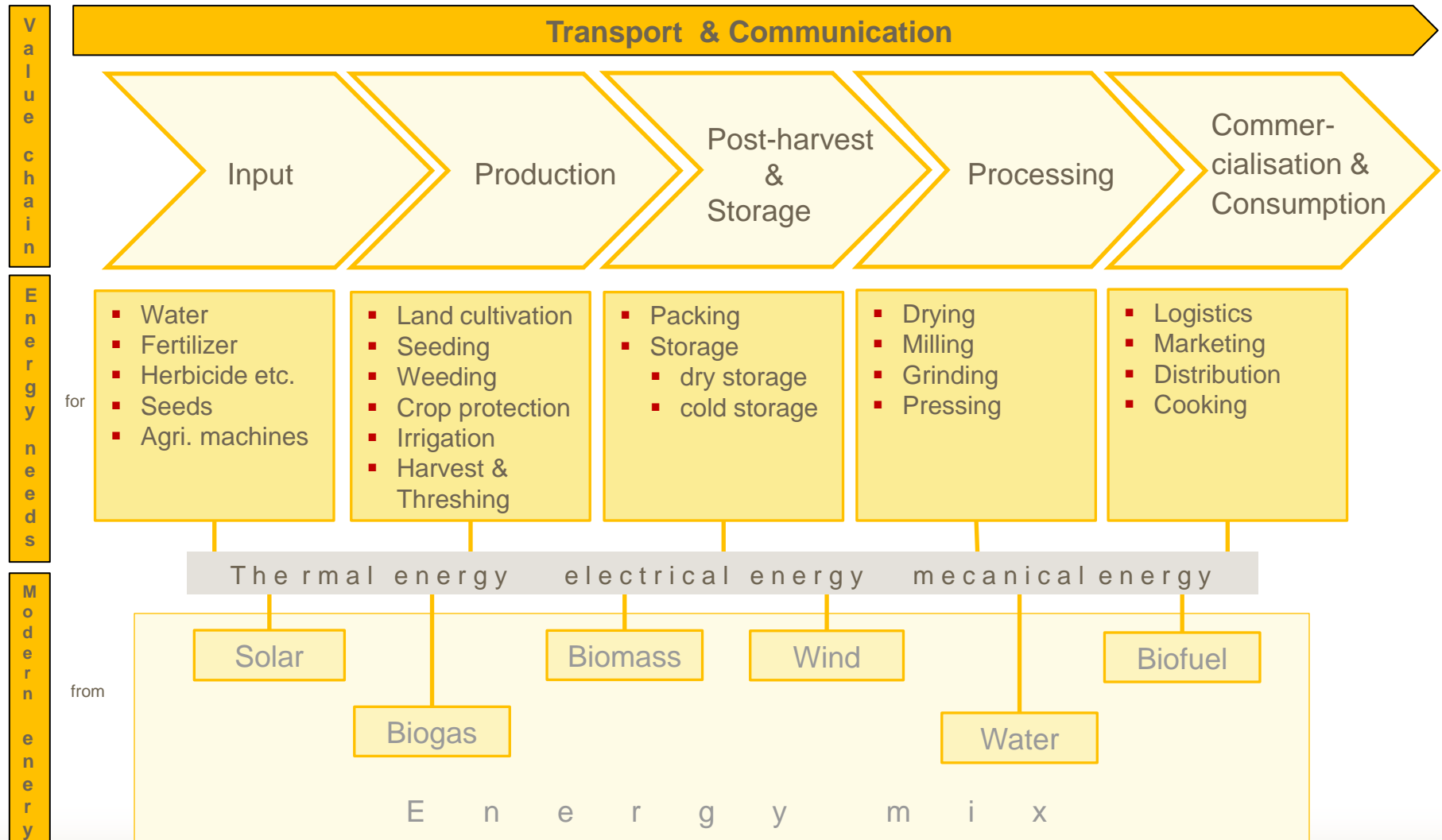
Modern Energy source	Energy from	Conversion to	Use in agriculture
Solar photovoltaic system	Sun	Heat, Mechanical energy Electricity	PV driven pumps for irrigation, ventilation for solar drying of fruit and vegetables; solar energy for cooling through absorption heat or evaporation driven refrigerator
Wind turbine	Wind	Mechanical energy, Electricity	Powering mechanical or electrical water pumps; agroprocessing activities
Micro-hydropower plant	Water	Mechanical Energy, Electricity	Mechanical or electrical energy for agriculture processing; e.g. milling, pressing
Biomass plant	Organic material	Heat, Electricity, Liquid biofuels, Biogas	Electricity and heat; e.g. heat for drying, refrigeration, fermentation or processes; electricity (industrial biogas) to power electric motors, liquid biofuels for transport or to power combustion engines
Hybrid system	Combination*	Heat, Mechanical energy, Electricity	Used in food processing sector; e.g. grinding of corn, wheat and millet, and milling of grain-hulling paddy

* of modern Energy with conventional (e.g. diesel generator) – wind/diesel Hybrids; Wind/PV Hybrids



Energy needs in sustainable value chains for agriculture

Without
livestock





Technical solutions in agricultural value chains

Production



Solar powered irrigation systems (SPIS)

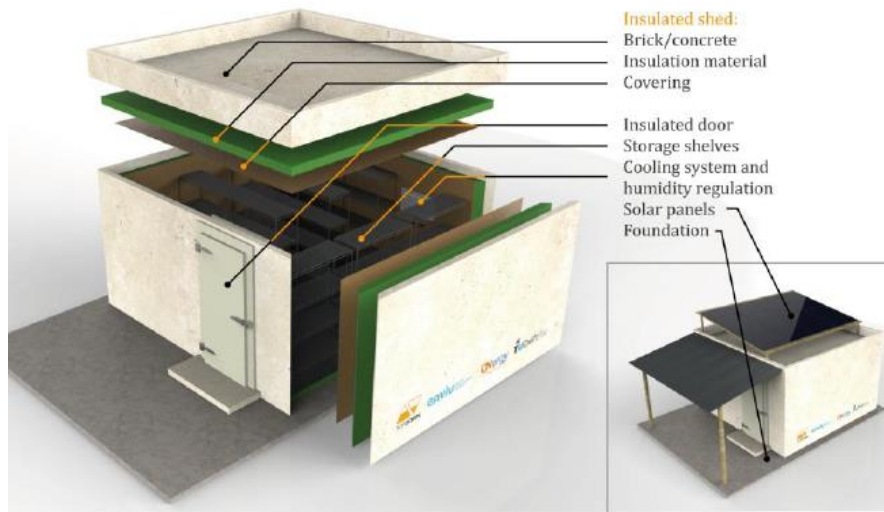
- Highly reliable, low maintenance decentralized irrigation
- Locally adaptable modular structure, water storage and access solutions (e.g. PAYG)
- Increased efficiency through micro irrigation techniques
- GIZ is currently implementing projects on installation, marketization, training and awareness raising on SPIS in Egypt, India, Ghana (via EnDev), Morocco and Senegal

Left: 1,800 Wp surface solar pump, India
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Posthar- vest & Storage



Solar cold storage solutions

- Decentralized solar or solar/grid hybrid systems
- With or without connected energy storage (battery banks)
- Lower wastage and higher prices through greater flexibility in sales
- Implementation example: As part of the [IGEN-RE](#) program, GIZ and partner SwitchON develop a hybrid micro cold storage solution for Indian vegetable farmers

Left: Schematic depiction of IGEN-RE solar cold storage solution (source: SwitchON)



Technical solutions in agricultural value chains contin'd

Processing



Solar drying solutions

- Open-air drying spoils up to 70% of produce, risks contamination and overall low quality
- Solar drying options: Active/passive ventilation, solar or solar-hybrid systems, fixed or mobile
- Improves quality, storability and marketability of goods
- Implementation example: [EnDev Peru](#) provides technical assistance, trainings and facilitates finance for solar drying solutions tailored to high-value agricultural produce such as coffee, spices or medicinal plants

Left: Solar dryer application for Chili drying, Peru
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Technical solutions in agricultural value chains contin'd

Processing



Electric grinding and milling solutions

- Requires reliable off-grid electricity provision, e.g. via mini-grids
- Processing produce locally generates employment, higher market prices for produce and improved access to markets
- Implementation example: Via [EnDev Indonesia](#), GIZ has installed over 400 renewable energy mini-grids in Indonesia to date, facilitating sustainable access to electricity for over 1,600 rural businesses. They support a range of productive applications such as coffee grinding and rice hulling.

Left: Electric coffee grinding in Salumokanan, West Sulawesi (© GIZ)



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Processing



Thermal processing solutions

- Thermal processing is a very common step in agroprocessing
- Technical solutions: Fixed or portable, various types (e.g. , rocket stoves, gasifier) and materials (ceramic, metal, stone, etc.)
- Choice of fuels: Renewable (biomass, biogas and solar) or LPG, tailored to resource availability, cost, etc.
- Implementation example: Through [Agricultural Development](#) Burkina Faso, GIZ supports local micro-enterprises in processing cassava for the production of starch, ethanol, Cassava flour or Gari

Left: Cassava processing Nigeria Burkina Faso (© GIZ)



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Commerciali- sation & Consumption



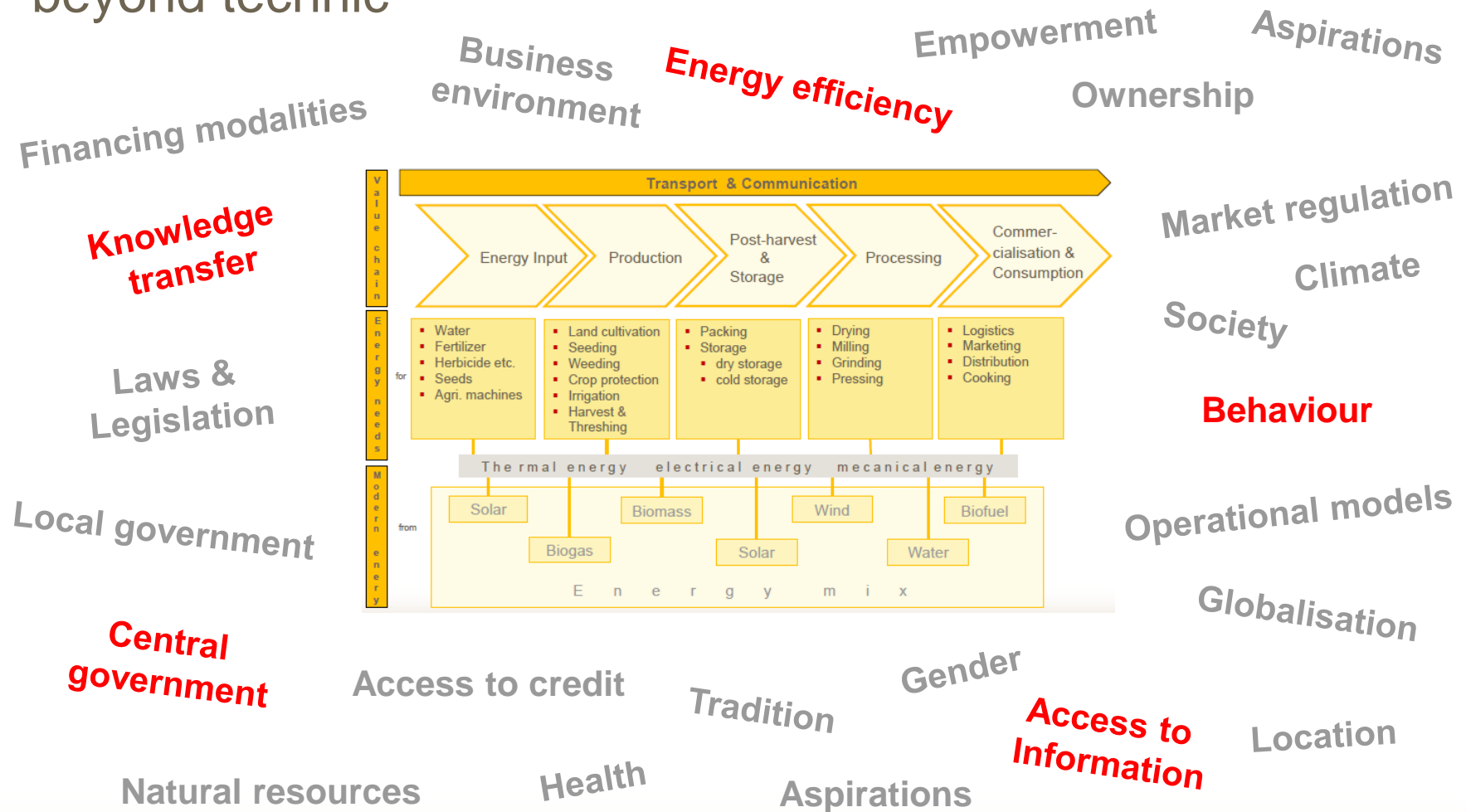
Improved cookstove (ICS) solutions

- 95% of staple foods require cooking before consumption, 2.64 billion people worldwide utilise biomass fuels for cooking, mostly in a way that is unsustainable and hazardous to health
- Solutions adapted to uses, income levels, resource availability, climatic and housing conditions, local customs, comfort etc.
- GIZ HERA supports planning, local production and marketization, user training, quality assurance and knowledge management on ICS in numerous projects across the globe

Left: Household utilisation of a rocket stove, Uganda (© GIZ / Verena Brinkmann)



Important factors influencing the energy-value-chain system beyond technic



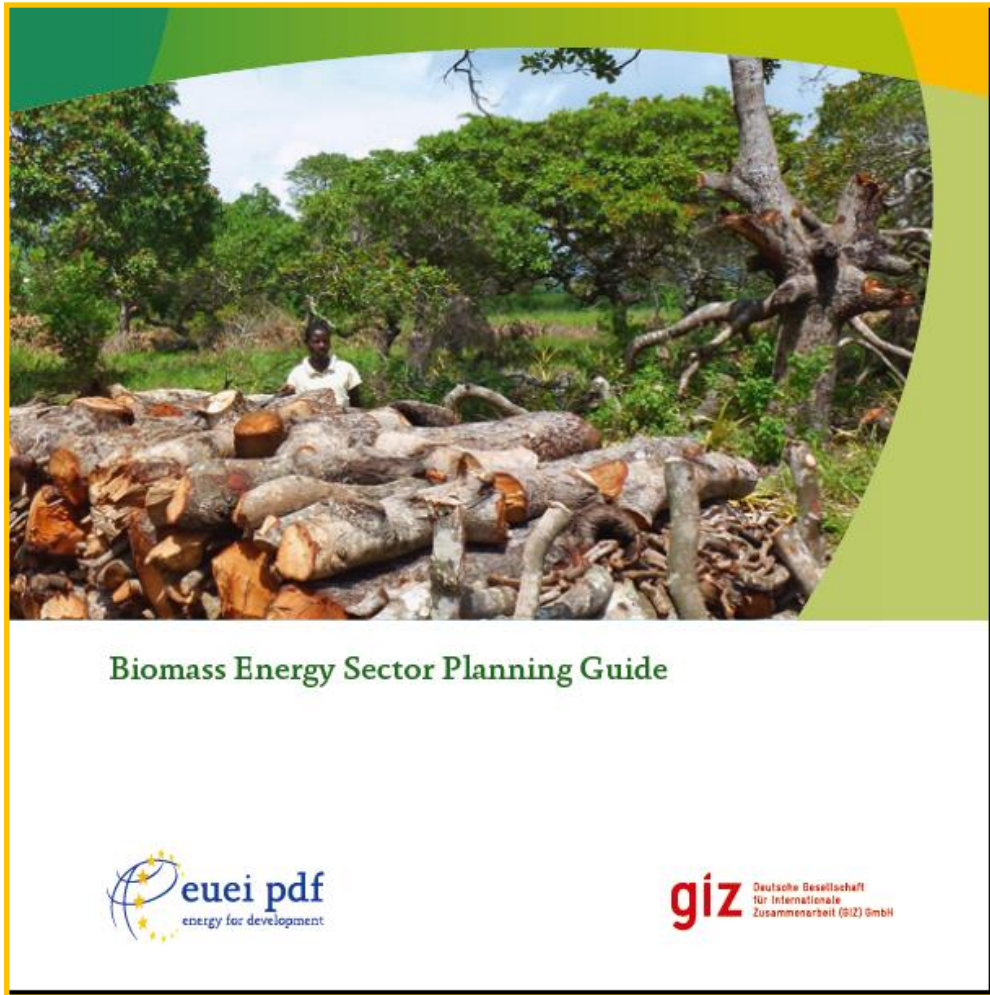


Knowledge transfer – access to information

The image displays two screenshots of the energypedia website. The left screenshot shows the main homepage, which features a search bar, a navigation menu with categories like 'About energypedia', 'Technologies', 'Energy Use', and 'Cross Cutting Issues', and a central section with icons for various energy sources (Solar, Hydro, Bioenergy, Wind) and uses (Improved Cooking, Productive Use, Mobility). The right screenshot shows the 'Improved Cooking Portal' page, which includes a welcome message, a list of articles, and links to documents and frequently asked questions. The URL in the browser address bar is <https://energypedia.info/wiki/PortalImprovedCooking>.




Support for the Government









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Mini-grid Policy Toolkit
Policy and Business Frameworks for
Successful Mini-grid Roll-outs



Possibilities for increasing energy efficiency

Energy saving technology

A properly dimensioned of a cooling or drying plant is the first step to energy efficiency – the capacity of overly large systems will not be fully used.

Installation of meter / meter reading / energy record

Regular and carefull maintenance of all technical parts; Replace old and ineffizient equipment – worn parts, v-belt, chain drives – affordability



Behaviour

Short-term thinking

Social comparison - bias
for the status quo

Individualist or group oriented (peer effect
through learning from each other)

Giving in to temptation, habits

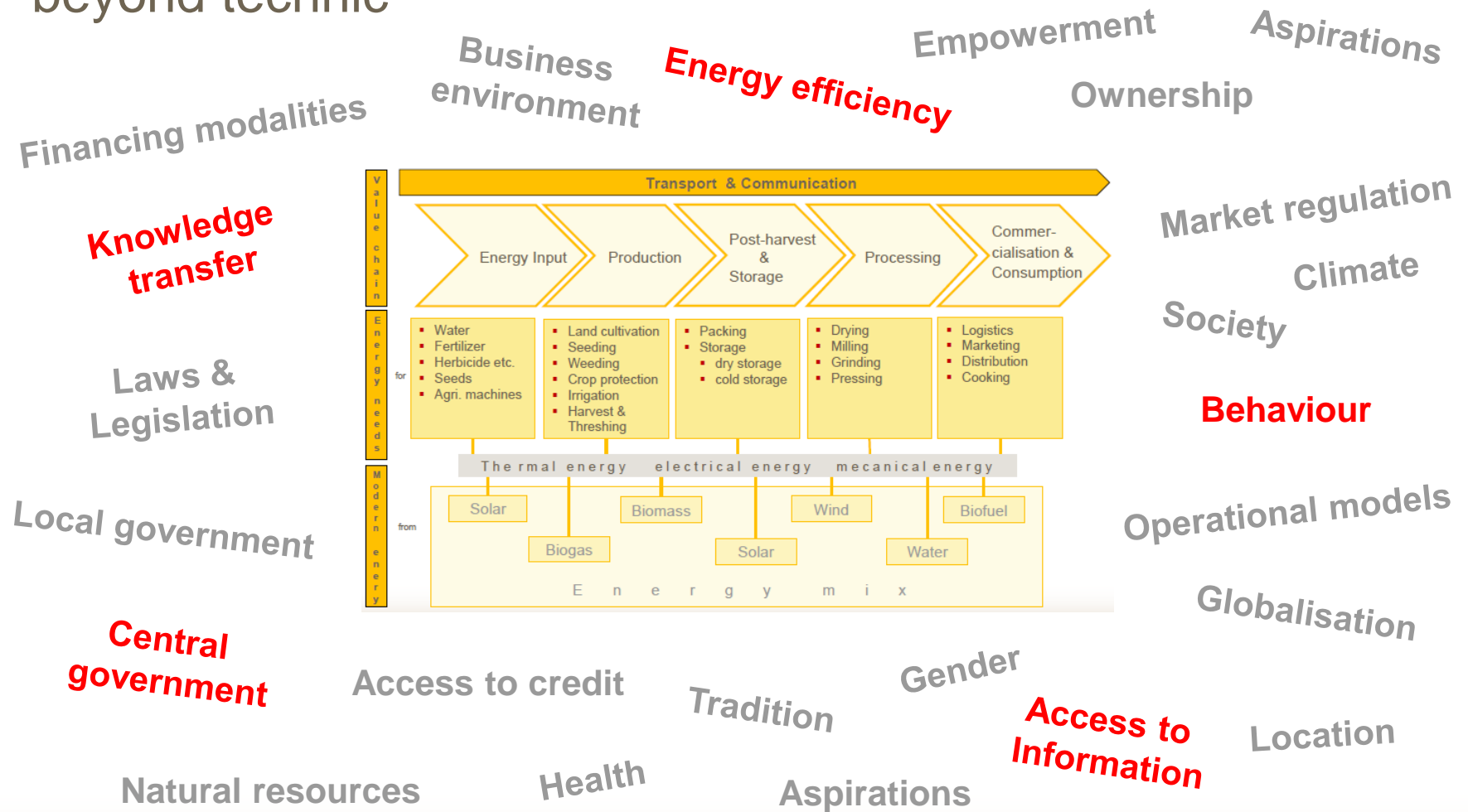
Self-control problems

Trust / mistrust (utility provider,
technology, vendors)

Proper operation of the machines and technical
equipment? (avoid to rewinding of motors)




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There is no one size
fits all solution !



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